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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY UK COMMENTS ON UN PAPER REGARDING RHODESIA SANCTIONS

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- 1. UK COUNSELOR SQUIRE CALLED ON HELMAN (IO/UNP) JULY 15
 TO DELIVER PRELIMINARY UK COMMENTS ON US PAPER ("OIL
 AND RHODESIA") GIVEN TO UK FOLLOWING RECENT US-UK
 BILATERALS (REFTEL). SQUIRE SAID UK GOVERNMENT
 CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO PRESSURE RHODESIA,
 INCLUDING OIL, AND THAT FONMIN OWEN MAY BRING CLEARER
 POSITION TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE
 NEXT WEEK.
- 2. UK NOTE INCLUDED FOUR ELEMENTS: CONFIDENTIAL

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- -- UK PREFERS TO LINK ACTION WITH SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF RHODESIA POLICY, RATHER THAN RELATING ACTIONS TO (AND THUS PREEMPTING) LAGOS CONFERENCE;
- -- UK PREFERS TO REVERSE ORDER SET OUT IN US PAPER AND NOT TO MAKE APPROACH TO COMPANIES CONTINGENT ON PRIOR

- -- UK FEELS APPROACHES SHOULD BE MADE TO CALTEX AND CFP IN ADDITION TO BP, SHELL AND MOBIL;
- -- UK FEELS IRANIAN ANGLE SHOULD BE HANDLED BY AMBASSADORS IN TEHRAN DIRECTLY WITH SHAH, AND NOT IN NEW YORK.
- 3. HELMAN SAID THAT WE HAVE NO PREFERENCE ON SEQUENCE OF ACTIONS. HE AGREED THAT KEY CONSIDERATION ON IMPLEMENTATION IS RHODESIA POLICY, THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE BENEFITS IN SUCH ACTION FOR OUR POSITION IN THE LAGOS CONFERENCE.
- 4. SQUIRE POINTED OUT THAT FINAL CABINET APPROVAL IS NEEDED FOR ANY INITIATIVE. HELMAN RESPONDED THAT THE US PARTICIPATION IN ANY INITIATIVE WAS ALSO SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL.

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